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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA

1. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN BANGUI HAS TOLD SEVERAL RESIDENT AMBASSADORS THAT HE BELIEVED PRESIDENT BOKASSA WAS GOING TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO THE PRC. THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR ALSO BELIEVES SUCH A STEP IS POSSIBLE.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT BOKASSA HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STAUNCH FRIEND OF SOUTH KOREA. NONETHELESS HE HAS INCREASINGLY BEEN ELABORATING A CONCEPT OF NON-ALIGNMENT BASE ON A WILLINGNESS TO DO BUSINESS WITH ANYONE WHO SINCERELY SEEKS FRIENDSHIP AND REFRAINS FROM INTERFERENCE IN THE CAR'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IF PYONGYANG WERE TO OFFER SUFFICIENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THE GOCAR MIGHT ACCEPT A NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN BANGUI. THE SOUTH KOREANS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE USING THEIR EXCELLENT ACCESS HERE TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO THWART ANY GOCAR MOVE TOWARDS PYONGYANG.

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